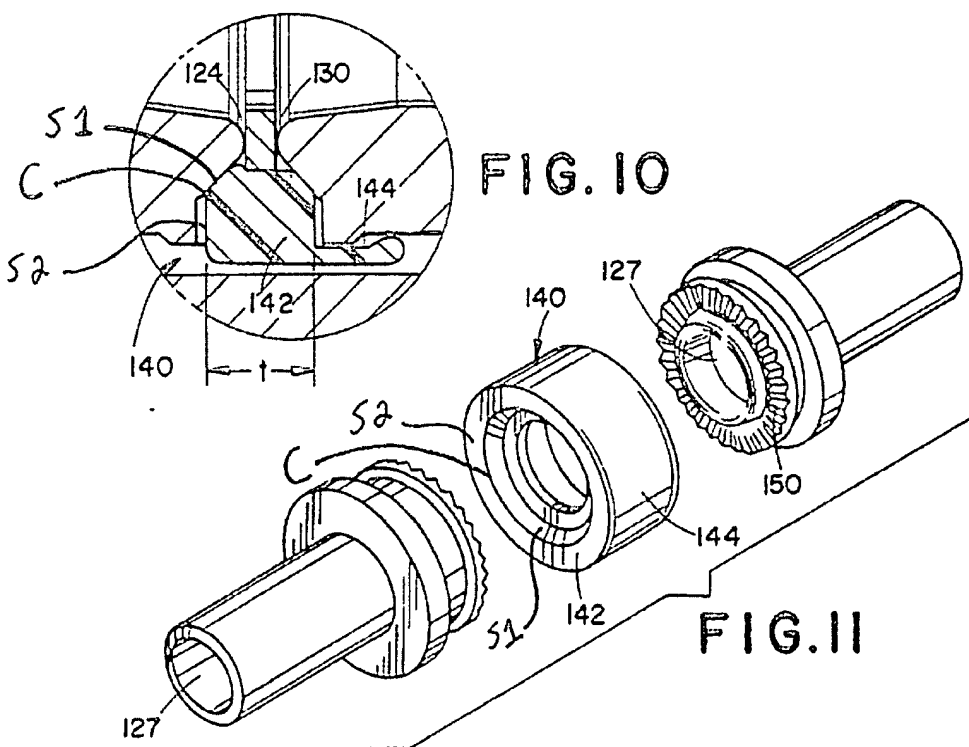


REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in this application. The Office Action indicated that claims 26, 27, 29-31, 38 and 39 are allowable over the prior art.

Rejections Under §102 - Babuder

The Office Action rejected claim 21-24, 32-34, 36, 37, and 40 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,145,219 to Babuder. Figures 10 and 11 of the Babuder patent are presented below. Labels S1, S2, and C have been added to Figures 10 and 11 by Applicant.



The Office Action asserts that the surfaces labeled S1 and S2 in Figures 10 and 11 presented above are co-planar. On September 7, 2006, Applicant's attorney, Ken Smith, called examiner David Bochna for an explanation of how surfaces S1 and S2, which intersect to form a

corner could be coplanar. Examiner Bochna explained that he thought surfaces S1 and S2 could be viewed as coplanar in two ways. First, Examiner Bochna explained that he thought surfaces S1 and S2 could be seen as coplanar, because they intersect at corner C. Second, Examiner Bochna explained that he thought surfaces S1 and S2 could be seen as coplanar, because a plane can be drawn through surfaces S1 and S2, as is done in Figure 10.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with both of these reasons. One having ordinary skill in the art would clearly not see two surfaces that intersect at an angle and form a corner as coplanar. The fact that a plane can be drawn through two surfaces does not make the two surface coplanar. A plane can be drawn through any two surfaces that are angularly offset with respect to one another. If the term coplanar is interpreted to encompass any two surfaces that a plane can be drawn through, the claim term coplanar would be meaningless. The surfaces S1 and S2 in Figures 10 and 11 of the Babuder reference are not coplanar and the claims are not anticipated by the Babuder reference.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant believes that all of the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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